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1. A modified polyallylamine comprising, as an essential component, a unit of the general formula (M-1),

$$\begin{array}{c}
-\left(CH_{2}CH\right) \\
CH_{2} \\
N \\
R^{1} R^{2}
\end{array}$$

$$\cdots (M-1)$$

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wherein each of R^1 and R^2 is independently an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

comprising at least one unit selected from units of the formula (M-2),

$$\begin{array}{c}
-\left(\text{CH}_{2}\text{CH}\right) \\
\text{CH}_{2} \\
\text{NHCONH}_{2}
\end{array}$$

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the general formula (M-3),

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
-(CH_2CH) \\
CH_2 \\
NHCOOR^3
\end{array}$$

$$\cdots (M-3)$$

wherein R^3 is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 12 carbon atoms,

15 the general formula (M-4),

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
-(CH_2CH) \\
CH_2 \\
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NHCOR^4
\end{array}$$

$$\cdots (M-4)$$

wherein R4 is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms,

the general formula (M-5),

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$$\begin{array}{c}
-(CH_2CH) \\
CH_2 \\
N-CH_2CH(R^5)-A
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wherein R⁵ is a hydrogen atom or methyl and A is -CONR⁶R⁷, -CN or -COOR⁸, in which each of R⁶ and R⁷ is independently a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms and optionally containing a hydroxyl group, a keto group, a mono $(C_1-C_4 \text{ alkyl})$ amino group, a di $(C_1-C_4 \text{ alkyl})$ alkyl) amino group or a $tri(C_1-C_4 \text{ alkyl})$ ammonium group, and 10 R⁶ and R⁷ may bond to each other and form a piperidino or morpholino group together with a nitrogen atom, and ${\bf R}^{\bf 8}$ is an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms and optionally containing a hydroxyl group, a keto group, a mono (C_1-C_4) alkyl) amino group, a di(C₁-C₄ alkyl) amino group or a 15 tri(C₁-C₄ alkyl) ammonium group, the general formula (M-6),

$$\begin{array}{c}
-(CH_2CH) \\
CH_2 \\
N-CH_2CH(R^5)-A
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
CH_2CH(R^5)-A \\
CH_2CH(R^5)-A
\end{array}$$

wherein R⁵ and A are as defined above, the general formula (M-7), 20

wherein B is an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms and optionally containing a hydroxyl group, an alkoxyl or alkenyloxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and the general formula (M-8),

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$$\begin{array}{c|c} -\text{CH}_2\text{CH} \\ \hline & \text{CH}_2 \\ \hline & \text{N-CH}_2\text{CH(OH)--B} \\ \hline & \text{CH}_2\text{CH(OH)--B} \\ \hline & \text{CH}_2\text{CH(OH)--B} \\ \end{array}$$
 wherein B is as defined as said B,

wherein B is as defined as said B, and optionally containing a unit of the formula (M-9),

2. A modified polyallylamine having a structure of the general formula (I),

wherein each of R^1 and R^2 is independently an alkyl

group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, X is $-CONH_2$, $-COOR^3$, in which R^3 is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 12 carbon atoms, or $-COR^4$, in which R^4 is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, each of p and q is independently an integer of 1 or more, and r is 0 or an integer of 1 or more.

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3. A modified polyallylamine having a structure of the general formula (II),

wherein each of R^1 and R^2 is independently an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, Y is $-CH_2CH(R^5)-A$, in which R^5 is a hydrogen atom or methyl and A is $-CONR^6R^7$, -CN or $-COOR^8$, in which each of R^6 and R^7 is independently a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms and optionally containing a hydroxyl group, a keto group, a mono(C_1-C_4 alkyl) amino group, a di(C_1-C_4 alkyl) amino group or a tri(C_1-C_4 alkyl) ammonium group, R^6 and R^7 may bond to each other to form a piperidino or morpholino group together with a nitrogen atom, and R^8 is an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms and optionally containing a hydroxyl group, a keto group, a mono(C_1-C_4 alkyl) amino group, a di(C_1-C_4 alkyl) amino group or a tri(C_1-C_4 alkyl group) ammonium group, or $-CH_2CH(OH)-B$, in which B is an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms and optionally

containing a hydroxyl group or an alkoxyl or alkenyloxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, p is an integer of 1 or more, and each of t, u and v is independently 0 or an integer of 1 or more, provided that at least one of t and u is an integer of 1 or more.

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4. A process for producing a modified polyallylamine of the general formula (I-1), which comprises reacting a cyanic acid with a copolymer of N,N-dialkylallylamine and an allylamine, represented by the general formula (III),

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
-(CH_2CH)_{p} & (CH_2CH)_{w} \\
| & | & | \\
CH_2 & CH_2 \\
| & | & | & | \\
N & NH_2 & | & | \\
R^1 & R^2 & | & | & |
\end{array}$$

wherein each of R^1 and R^2 is independently an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and each of p and w is independently an integer of 1 or more,

to produce the modified polyallylamine of the general formula (I-1),

wherein q is an integer of 1 or more, r is 0 or an integer of 1 or more and R^1 , R^2 and p are as defined above.

5. A process for producing a modified polyallylamine

of the general formula (I-2), which comprises reacting an alkoxycarbonylation agent having 1 to 12 carbon atoms or an aryloxycarbonylation agent having 6 to 12 carbon atoms with a copolymer of N,N-dialkylallylamine and an allylamine, represented by the general formula (III),

$$\begin{array}{cccc} - \left(CH_2CH \right)_p & \left(CH_2CH \right)_w \\ CH_2 & CH_2 \\ & & \\ N & NH_2 \end{array}$$

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wherein each of R^1 and R^2 is independently an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and each of p and w is independently an integer of 1 or more,

to produce the modified polyallylamine of the general formula (I-2),

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wherein R^3 is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 12 carbon atoms, q is an integer of 1 or more, r is 0 or an integer of 1 or more, and R^1 , R^2 and p are as defined above.

6. The process for producing a modified polyallylamine as claimed in claim 5, wherein the alkoxycarbonylation agent or the aryloxycarbonylation agent is a carbonate diester represented by R³O-CO-OR³ in which R³ is an alkyl

group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 12 carbon atoms.

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7. A process for producing a modified polyallylamine of the general formula (I-3), which comprises reacting an acylation agent having 1 to 12 carbon atoms with a copolymer of N,N-dialkylallylamine and an allylamine, represented by the general formula (III),

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$$\begin{array}{c|c}
-(CH_2CH_{p}-(CH_2CH)_{w})\\
CH_2 & CH_2\\
N & NH_2
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
CH_2 & \cdots (III)\\
NH_2
\end{array}$$

wherein each of R¹ and R² is independently an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and each of p and w is independently an integer of 1 or more, to produce the modified polyallylamine of the general formula (I-3),

wherein R^4 is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, q is an integer of 1 or more, r is 0 or an integer of 1 or more, and R^1 , R^2 and p are as defined above.

20 8. The process for producing a modified polyallylamine as claimed in claim 7, wherein the acylation agent is an

carboxylic anhydride of the general formula (IV),

$$(R^4CO)_2O$$
 ... (IV)

wherein R4 is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms.

A process for producing a modified polyallylamine 9. of the general formula (II-1), which comprises reacting an acryl compound of the general formula (V),

$$CH_2 = C(R^5) - A \cdots (V)$$

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wherein R⁵ is a hydrogen atom or methyl and A is -CONR⁶R⁷, -CN or -COOR⁸, in which each of R⁶ and R⁷ is independently a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms and optionally containing a hydroxyl group, a keto group, a mono(C_1-C_4 alkyl) amino group, a di(C_1-C_4 alkyl) amino group or a tri(C₁-C₄ alkyl) ammonium group and 15 R⁶ and R⁷ may bond to each other and form a piperidino or morpholino group together with a nitrogen atom, and R⁸ is an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms and optionally containing a hydroxyl group, a keto group, a mono(C1-C4 alkyl) amino group, a $di(C_1-C_4 \text{ alkyl})$ amino group or a 20 tri(C₁-C₄ alkyl) ammonium group, with a copolymer of N,Ndialkylallylamine and an allylamine, represented by the general formula (III),

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
-(CH_2CH)_{p} & (CH_2CH)_{w} \\
CH_2 & CH_2 \\
N & NH_2
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
CH_2 & CH_2 \\
N & NH_2
\end{array}$$

wherein each of R1 and R2 is independently an alkyl

group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and each of p and w is independently an integer of 1 or more, to produce the modified polyallylamine of the general formula (II-1),

wherein Y^1 is a $-CH_2CH(R^5)-A$, each of t, u and v is independently 0 or an integer of 1 or more, provided that at least one of t and u is an integer of 1 or more, and R^1 , R^2 , R^5 , A and p are as defined above.

10. A process for producing a modified polyallylamine of the general formula (II-2), which comprises reacting an epoxy compound of the general formula (VI),

$$CH_2 - CH - B \qquad \cdots (VI)$$

wherein B is an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms and optionally containing a hydroxyl group, an alkoxyl or alkenyloxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, with a copolymer of N,N-dialkylallylamine and an allylamine, represented by the general formula (III),

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
-(CH_2CH)_{p} - (CH_2CH)_{w} \\
CH_2 & CH_2 \\
N & NH_2
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
CH_2 & CH_2 \\
N & NH_2
\end{array}$$

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wherein each of R¹ and R² is independently an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and each of p and w is independently an integer of 1 or more, to produce the modified polyallylamine of the general formula (II-2),

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wherein Y^2 is a $CH_2CH(OH)-B$, each of t, u and v is independently an integer of 1 or more, provided that at least one of t and u is an integer of 1 or more, and R^1 , R^2 , B and p are as defined above.